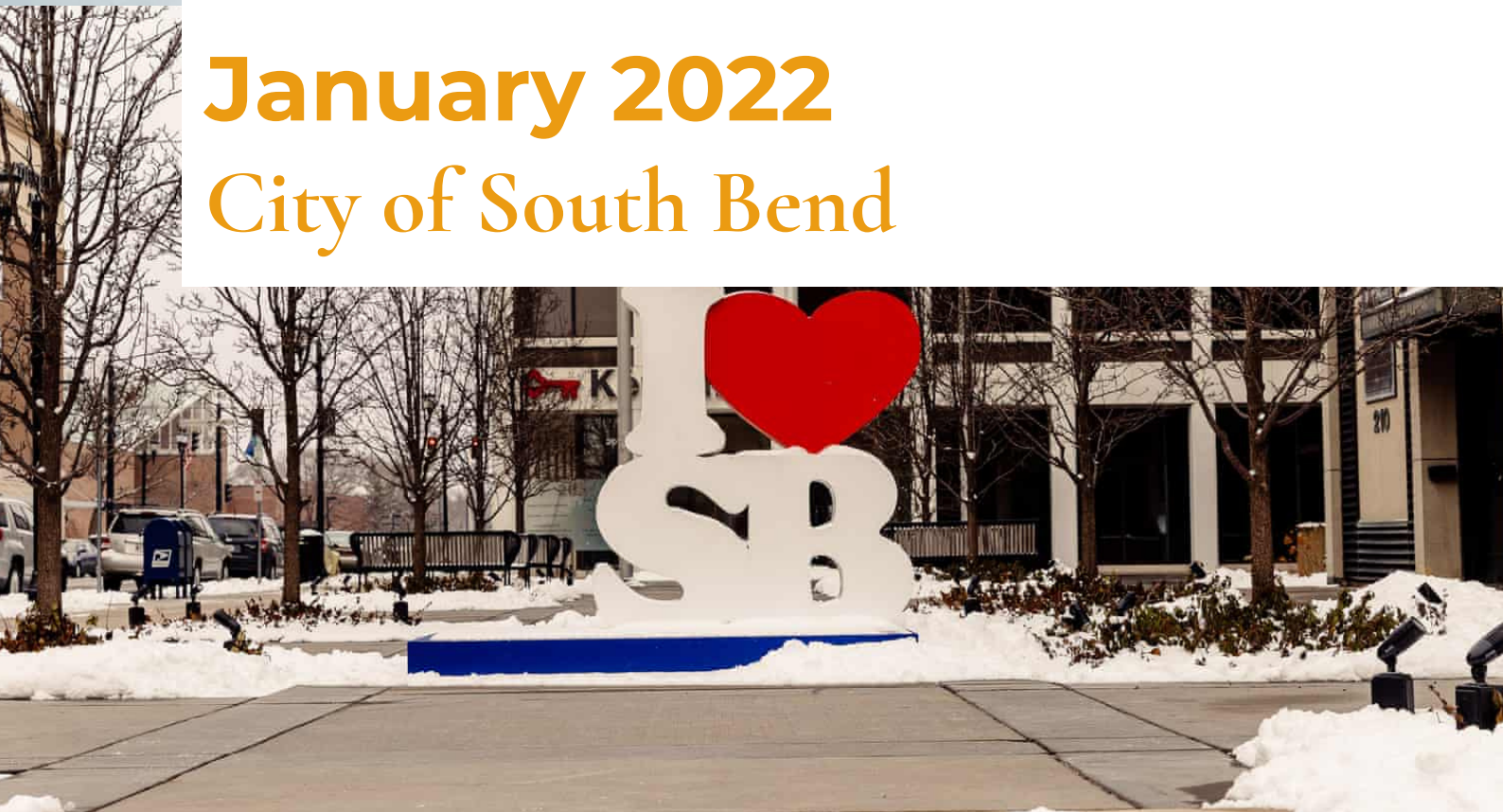




Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

January 2022

City of South Bend



CITY OF SOUTH BEND
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

EXCELLENCE ACCOUNTABILITY INNOVATION INCLUSION EMPOWERMENT

Neighborhood Overview

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you." - Walt Whitman



11 Neighborhoods held meetings in January

	Future	Past
Kennedy Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working on renovations for Kennedy Park neighborhood center.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting at Lasalle Park Library until further noticeAwarded grant for the repair of neighborhood center roof
River Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">T-shirts are being madePlanning for neighborhood cleanup	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Met via Zoom because of COVID concernsHoliday yard decoration contest awarded
Miami Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion about neighborhood plan .	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SBPD spoke to neighborhood about safety and local crime.
Far Northwest Neighborhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Met with Containart to discuss bid for duplex	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion about duplex development
Near Westside	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Neighborhood t-shirt contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update from city planners on neighborhood plan
Monroe Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planning for Barnabys buyback night in March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Christmas caroling throughout the neighborhood on December 16th
Lincoln Bendix	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MLK Center Input Sessions on<ul style="list-style-type: none">February 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MLK Center Input Session on<ul style="list-style-type: none">January 10th
NENC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">"5 corners" development - rezoning and variances approved with neighborhood input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No Potluck because of Covid concernPresentation from Holliday Properties about "5 Corners"
Rum Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Met at Nexus CenterPresentation by city planners on neighborhood plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Delivered holiday gifts to Oliver apartment residents
NNN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Public Safety Meeting 2/24"How Can We Prevent Gun Violence"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held 3rd and final conversation circle on race and racism
SOAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Spring Cleanup April 30thPlanning for elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Website is live. (www.soarforward.org)Youth basketball league now forming at the Studebaker Gym.

More Resources

For You and Your Neighborhood

Neighborhood Consortium

The January Neighborhood's Consortium meeting was attended by 10 neighborhood associations. Elections were held with the following officers elected.

- Leslinda Wilson - President
- Carrie Marks - Vice President
- Debra Applegate - Secretary

If your NA is interested in a neighborhood plan, or representation at the Consortium send a brief email with your NA's priorities to planning@southbendin.gov.



Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

Citywide Classroom

Students who are enrolled in the SBCSC, live in the SBCSC district, and are on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for one year of free internet. To apply, all you need to do is call the school the child is enrolled in and fill out the application over the phone.

To learn more visit: CitywideClassroomSB.org, call or text 574-703-188, or email info@citywideclassroomsb.org

Digital Neighborhood

Digital Communication Grants



Because of COVID-19 social distancing policies, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering a **free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service** for 12 months. NA's can receive **free technical assistance**

To apply, visit:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BsvdvktkEG>

Contact The Chief of Police

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact:

Chief of Police, Scott Ruskowski, at
sruszkow@southbendin.gov

OR

Patrol Division Chief, Eric Crittendon,
at ecritten@southbendin.gov

Indiana Rental/ Utility Assistance



The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has closed its application portal. All applications are under review. If you still need assistance, the City has information about rent and utility assistance at <https://southbendin.gov/covid-19-resources-support/covid-19-utility-support>, where you can find local assistance programs and contact information. If you have any questions, please email eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

Resources/Events in South Bend

Digital Engagement Toolkit



EnFocus, the City of South Bend, and the Southeast Organized Area Residents Neighborhood Association (SOAR) piloted a digital neighborhood engagement. This was done in order to find out and to show what works and what doesn't. From this pilot, the Neighborhood Digital Engagement Toolkit was born. The Toolkit is a guide for neighborhood associations interested in expanding their civic reach through digital platforms. The Toolkit is a reference of tested methods, drawn from SOAR's pilot experience, that will help you to digitally engage neighbors in your community. You can view the Document Below

<https://southbendin.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Digital-Engagement-Toolkit-2021.pdf>

Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

Lead Programs

LEAD SAFE SOUTH BEND



Lead Hazard Reduction Grant

The City of South Bend has grants available to assist making your home lead safe. Eligible households can apply to have lead safe repairs completed by qualified contractors at no cost! If you meet the following requirements, you might be eligible:

- Your owner-occupied or rental housing unit was built before 1978 and is located within South Bend city limits,
- Annual household income, for all adults 18 and older, is below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development – see the table below, and
- A child under 6 lives in or frequently visits the house, or a pregnant woman lives in the house.*

* Addressing lead in houses where a child under 6 can be exposed is a priority, however units without a child under 6 may still be eligible (including vacant rentals). These units are considered low-priority and will only be assisted if funding is available.

	1-Person Household	2-Person Household	3-Person Household	4-Person Household	5-Person Household	6-Person Household	7-Person Household	8-Person Household
80% AMI	\$41,200	\$47,050	\$52,950	\$58,800	\$63,550	\$68,250	\$72,950	\$77,650

* Income limits are set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are subject to change at any time.

If you are interested in the Lead Protection Program you can reach out to the City by visiting www.southbendin.gov/leadsafesouthbend, by emailing kfitus@southbendin.gov, or by calling 574-235-5826.



Know a Farmer or Local Entrepreneur?

The City of South Bend has announced its schedule for the 2nd year of the Linden Avenue Pop-Up Markets.

Interested vendors can fill out the application at the following links:

- [Food Vendor](#)
- [Information Vendor](#)



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SMALL DEVELOPER EDUCATION SERIES



*All Free and All Virtual:
Monthly on 3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00*

FOR DETAILED INFO & ZOOM INVITATIONS, RSVP
EEE@SOUTHBENDIN.GOV, OR ONLINE @
WWW.SOUTHBENDIN.GOV/BSB

Winter 2021/2022

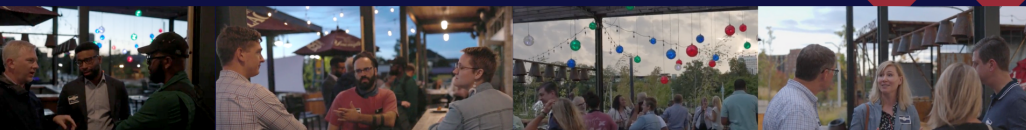
Nov 17 - Business & Team Setup
Dec 15 - Properties & Pathways
Jan 19 - Architecture & Design
Feb 16 - Investment Evaluation

Spring 2022

March 16 - Real Estate Law
April 20 - Building & Zoning Codes
May: Networking Event - TBD
May 18 - Rehabbing Basics

Summer 2022

June 15 - Site Work & Concerns
July 20 - Finding and Managing Investors
Aug 17 - Working with Contractors
Sept 21 - Leases, Tenants, and Property Management



Snow Removal

- Property owners and residents are urged to try and keep their sidewalks shoveled.
- Snow and ice must be removed from the public sidewalk within 24 hours after the end of snow or ice.
- Snow Removal Disability Exemption and Waiver of Liability Forms are available through 311 or 311.southbendin.gov



Paying a lot of \$\$\$ on Energy Bills?



Are you a...

- ✓ Nonprofit
- ✓ School
- ✓ Library
- ✓ Medical Facility
- ✓ Grocery Store

Apply to EASSI to save energy and money through a **FREE** energy assessment and subsidized energy efficiency upgrade!

The City will match your upgrade 50% with grants of \$2,500 - \$10,000!

Learn more and get involved at:
<https://southbendin.gov/eassi/>



CDFI FRIENDLY
SOUTH BEND

- Free, vendor-neutral guidance from nonprofit solar experts
- Access to a discounted group rate on your system installation
- A team that solicits and reviews proposals with you
- Cost savings, energy freedom, and cleaner air and water!

Contact:

sustainability@southbendin.gov
for more information.

Questions? Go visit the site below:

solarunitedneighbors.org/NorthernIndiana



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Child Tax Credit

Have you gotten your monthly checks for raising kids with the Child Tax Credit yet?

You could get up to \$3,600 per child under 6 years old and up to \$3,000 per child between 6 and 17 years old from the government.

Who qualifies?

Almost all families qualify for the Child Tax Credit. Even families that haven't filed a tax return or don't have recent income. Anyone with a child who has a Social Security number can get the Child Tax Credit, even if they don't have a Social Security number themselves.



How do I get the credit?

If you haven't gotten your credit yet, you will need to send your info to the IRS. Visit [GetCTC.org](https://getctc.org), call 211 or use the QR code to learn more about how to get your money!



Know a space that needs WiFi?



The City of South Bend is seeking resident input as we expand the public South Bend Open Wi-Fi network.

Know a space in your neighborhood that needs free public internet?

Let us know by calling 311 or filling out our nomination form at southbendin.gov/2022wifi!



**SOUTH BEND
OPEN WI-FI**

Our shared connection.

MLK Day Celebration New Date



The 36th annual MLK Breakfast & Day of

Celebration will now be held
**7:30-5pm February 21st,
2022** at the **Century Center.**

Please join us to help
celebrate the life and dreams
of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Contact Gladys
Muhammad at 574-
280-7092
or Jessica Kitchens at
574-229-4302
(jessicakitchens@gmail.com)
for more information

Build the Dream

www.southbendin.gov/buildthedream

Public Workshop sessions on the future design of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center on Linden Ave will be held at the Center from 6:00-7:30pm on

- February 10th
- March 10th
- April 7th



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